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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal		
	Application Number	09/407,538
	Filing Date	September 28, 1999
Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	First Named Inventor	Richard Alan Diedrich
	Group Art Unit	2176
	Examiner Name	Yuan, A..
	Attorney Docket Number	RO999114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2..

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**   Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

   a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

      i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief or Reply brief previously filed on _____

      ii. ☐ Other _____

   b. ☒ Enclosed

      i. ☒ Amendment/Reply   iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

      ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)   iv. ☐ Other

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2. **Miscellaneous**

   a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

   b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**   The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

   a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0465

      i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

      ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

      iii. ☐ Other _____

   b. ☐ Check in the amount of $_____ enclosed

   c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED		
Name (Print/Type)	Gero G. McClellan	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 44,227
Signature		Date 2-19-2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10		
I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited on February 19, 2004, with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing label No. EV335469906US addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		
Name (Print/Type)	Gero G. McClellan	
Signature		Date 2-19-2004